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# LAWSON FALSE CYPRESS AT VERLYS



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## Location

40 Beaconsfield Emerald Road EMERALD, Cardinia Shire

## Municipality

CARDINIA SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO20

## Heritage Listing

Cardinia Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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The National Trust have recognised the tree for its size and as an outstanding example of the type. The tree was also thought to have strong associations with Nobelius nursery and the Emerald pioneer, Nellie Exley.

The Lawson false cypress at Verlys is of importance to the Cardinia Shire and the garden of importance to the locality of Emerald because they show the development of nurseries in the district and the developing forms of the gardens associated with the district's resorts or rural retreats.

This tree is also significant for its: expression of the lives or lifestyles of locally important people (Nobelius, Exley) and the rarity as a specimen.

### *Regional Significance*

Heritage Study/Consultant	Cardinia - Cardinia Shire Heritage Study 1996, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1996;
Construction dates	1890, 1965,
Other Names	40 Beaconsfield Emerald Road, Emerald,
Hermes Number	30063
Property Number	

## Physical Description 1

This garden contains a 'wealth of plants' and is a 'large informal country garden' with winding paths through a large variety of common and unusual plants.

Among the unusual and original plantings is the Lawson false cypress ( *Chamaecyparis lawsoniana* (Murr) 'Parlatore') which is on the National Trust of Australia (Vic) register. This tree is 17m high, with a trunk girth of 2.25m and a canopy of 9m. It was noted as a fine specimen.

There is also an old walnut<sup>3</sup> There is also a timber house which appears to be from the Edwardian-era but has been altered.

## Physical Conditions

The tree was judged by the Trust as being in good condition and a fine specimen.

## Historical Australian Themes

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3.4 Orchardists and market gardeners, cool stores, packing sheds, etc.

7.4 Nurseries/Acclimatisation Society areas/park reserves

11.0 Evidence of: Life style, housing and landscape choice of notable figures residing in the district

## Physical Description 2

Associations - Nobelius, Karl, Cliff & A.V.?; Exley, Nellie

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